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## Catching a 'Frost' bite

Jackson and Denise Griffin practise patience ice fishing on Head Lake during this year's Frost Fest on Feb. 16. The demonstration was put on by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. The entire event attracted large crowds to the park with a wide array of activities, the new Polar Bear Challenge and perfect weather. See more on page 3 and 22.

Jenn Watt  
Staff



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# Arts council seeks new direction

Darren Lum  
Staff reporter

It was no surprise when a group of artists came together that passion came to play at the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council potluck meeting last week – the last of four in the county.

Although they abided by the usual formalities, there were times the brainstorming meet-

ing escalated to heated discussions with raised voices and tension related to what the arts council should do and how they should do it.

There were close to 30 people, the majority artists, who came from around the Highlands looking for answers and bearing suggestions on redefining the not-for-profit group, which opened itself to fresh ideas and constructive criticism in the lead up to their strategic plan.

The comments and questions were as varied

as the artists in attendance, who had difficulties with the economy and cuts to assistance.

Should the council play a greater advocacy role? Should it help artists more financially or should it promote and help with communication?

Some artists left with a wait-and-see sentiment about the council's potential direction while others felt unheard after the meeting at

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# Soy butter restriction raises parent's ire

➤ School board says imitation spread looks too much like peanut butter, too hard to police

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

When Bill Moshenko started packing soy butter in his five-year-old son's lunches, he thought he was being considerate of other students' allergies.

Substituting the spread for peanut butter seemed like a perfect alternative for a kid who loves peanut butter and jam sandwiches.

Then he heard soy butter wasn't allowed at Stuart Baker Elementary School.

"[My son] has informed me not this Wednesday, but the Wednesday before, the teacher specifically asked for him and only him to bring her his lunch so she could inspect it," Moshenko said.

He was told soy butter looked too much like regular peanut butter and wasn't allowed in lunches.

"If he wants to take soy butter, he can, but they will force him ... into the office [to eat it]," said Moshenko.

The married father of two took his concerns to the principal, MPP's office and to

the school board looking for resolution.

From Moshenko's perspective, soy butter triggers no allergic reaction, so it should be safe.

The school board has another take.

At its January board meeting, the board approved an amendment to its Response to Anaphylactic Reactions procedure that rejects "imitation" nut spreads as an alternative for nut-aware schools.

"It's been a little while that we've been aware that there are imitation nut butters. We just don't feel that it's a safe alternative to bring to school because there's too much option for there to be a mistake made," school board communications manager Catherine Shedden said.

The revised policy reads: "For schools that have designated space as nut-safe: a) [Trillium Lakelands District School Board] does NOT support the use of imitation peanut/nut spreads as an alternative to peanut butter or other nut-spreads in TLDSB schools; b) Staff are often not able to easily identify or visually distinguish whether the spread a student has in their lunch is real nut butter or an imitation, due to the similar colour and consistency it has to peanut butter."

Shedden said that in addition to teachers being unable to distinguish between peanut butter and imitation butter, other students could get the wrong impression.

If a student brings what looks like a pea-

nut butter sandwich to school, his classmates might follow suit, not understanding it actually contains an imitation product.

"There's too much potential for there to be a misunderstanding," Shedden said.

SBES has more than one student with peanut allergies, which motivated the school to become nut-aware.

"In a school where there is a child or an adult with a severe peanut allergy, we do our best to make the school nut safe," she said.

To Moshenko, the policies are overkill, severely limiting choice with few alternatives.

Homemade baked goods sent to school with his son must be labeled, he said, and granola bars that say they were made in a facility that also processes nuts are likewise prohibited.

"You can't send baked goods with your own kids without writing on it that there's no peanuts or tree nuts in it. If you send anything homemade it will be scrutinized. I've had so many parents tell me that their baked goods have been sent back because they're not allowed to eat them. It's bizarre. It's crazy the extent that they're going," he said.

Shedden said the baked goods practice is decided on a school-by-school basis.

She reiterated, however, that lunches aren't taken away from students who don't follow the guidelines. They can eat them;

they just have to eat them away from other students. A note is then sent home to the parents.

Some school boards in Ontario have implemented similar restrictions on imitation peanut spreads, including the York region and Thames Valley school boards.

The board's policy also includes best practices and emergency procedures and addresses other allergy-triggering foods and substances such as latex, dairy and gluten.

The board's high schools are not under the same food restrictions.



**If he wants to take soy butter, he can, but they will force him ... into the office [to eat it].**

— Bill Moshenko

## Declining enrolment expected to continue at public schools

**Dave Flaherty**  
QMI Agency

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board is predicting that enrolment will continue to decline at the majority of its schools over the next five years.

At the Feb. 12 committee of the whole meeting, superintendent of business Bob Kaye presented trustees with a report on the board's enrolment projections until 2017-18.

The current ministry capacities at TLDSB elementary schools is 14,353 and 21,956 in secondary schools.

The enrolment numbers for 2012-13 were 9,896 for elementary and 5,847 for secondary schools.

The report predicts those numbers will fall to 8,974 and 4,659 respectively by the 2017-18 school year.

Kaye said there was a number of factors for declining enrolment but many of these schools were built 20 to 30 years ago when industries were booming in certain communities.

"The demographics have changed," Kaye said.

The report indicates that a majority of schools would be at less than 60 per cent of capacity in five years, with some being at less than half of capacity.

Kaye said having the extra space has overhead costs to keep it maintained to ministry standards, such as heating levels.

Larry Hope, director of education of TLDSB, said while he doesn't see this a short-term issue, he believes there will have to be some "difficult decisions made in the future."

"Times are changing, people just aren't having children like they used to and businesses aren't operating in our communities the same way," Hope said.

Hope told QMI Agency that while the declining numbers may be of concern to many, there is more to it than just figures.

He said at many schools they are making use of extra space through day care programs and other activities.

However, he said the board would take a hard look at the numbers in the future.

"We need to look at what is in the best interest of students in these situations," Hope said.



### Car/pickup accident briefly closes Maple Ave.

Slippery roads are being blamed for a car accident on Maple Avenue Feb. 12 in Haliburton. The blue Ford was rear-ended by a pickup truck around 10 a.m. when the car was attempting to turn into Park Avenue. Injuries aren't known. The road was temporarily blocked for the collision. Officer Andy Skipworth of the Haliburton Highlands OPP attended the scene along with EMS and the fire department. The officer said it was a weather-related accident. It appears a woman driving the car northbound tried to make a right turn into Park Avenue when a pickup truck hit her car. The pickup was unable to stop because of slippery roads, Skipworth said. He thanked the local fire department for controlling traffic. **Jenn Watt Staff**



# Brave souls take the plunge

Jenn Watt  
Editor

The temperatures were frigid and the crowd was enormous, but Polar Bear Challenge participants didn't shirk their responsibility.

One after another, scantily clad men, women and children took turns plunging into a hole cut into the ice of Head Lake on Feb. 16 for the Lions Club's fundraiser for an eye project at Sick Kids Hospital.

Organizer Jim Frost said he was impressed by the uptake for the first event, held as part of Haliburton's Frost Fest.

A team from Dunsford came as well as a man who stumbled upon the event looking for something to do this Family Day Weekend. The man, from Kitchener, came across the Haliburton posting and knew he should come – his own son suffers from "eye defects," Frost said.

"I was very touched," he said.

Firefighters from Algonquin Highlands and Dysart ensured everyone got in and out safely.

By the end of the day, some \$6,450 was raised locally.



Alyssa Hobden, left, and Hayley Sullivan rush to the opening in the ice of Head Lake during the Lions Club's Polar Bear Challenge. The dip was a fundraiser for Sick Kids Hospital's eye project and attracted large numbers to watch as more than a dozen people took the plunge Feb. 16.

Go to our website for more photos from the event: [haliburtonecho.ca](http://haliburtonecho.ca)



Audience members cheered, laughed and took photos as brave souls jumped into the icy waters of Head Lake.



Santa even came out for the Polar Bear Challenge at Frost Fest dressed in a patriotic thong bathing suit. Many participants had a sense of humour about the event.

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# Partnership with chamber could enhance benefits

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Fleming College on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Arts Council chairperson Chris Lynd recognized frustration, but was happy with the attendance and feedback.

“Our plan after these four meetings ... [our board of directors] will get back together and take all the information that we’ve gained through these meetings and we’ll summarize it. We’ll synthesize it and evaluate it. Then we’ll report it back to our members and then it will become part of our strategic plan moving forward,” Lynd said.

The council and the way it’s operated the past few years frustrated artist Donna Bisschop, who said they should do more for artists.

“I’m an artist and using my creativity is my work – it’s how I make my money. This [arts council] organization is looking to the artists (who are already using their creative minds to pay bills/put food on the table) to be creative on their behalf,” she wrote in an email after the meeting.

“They want us to support them – not the other way around. My opinion, if they are not there for us, making our job easier, what ... are they doing?”

Bisschop, who failed to earn a spot on the Haliburton County Studio Tour after trying for 12 years, is moving to Lindsay. She is juried onto their fall tour already and cannot understand why it couldn’t have been this easy for her in Haliburton.

Board of directors member Thom Lambert realizes everyone didn’t go home happy and wasn’t looking to appease everyone.

“The Haliburton arts community is incredibly diverse in terms of individuals and organizations and there’s absolutely no way we can be everything that every individual and every organization wants us to be,” he said. “In some places they’re just going to be at odds with each other. That’s always the case. It would be a miracle, I think, if everybody left the room feeling like they were going to get exactly what they wanted.”

Former arts council member and local artist Gary Blundell said he and his partner Victoria Ward have interest in their work from public galleries in Ontario and outside, but without enough money they can’t seize this opportunity.

“We really need some help and that’s the truth. It’s not just that. The fact we engaged in this [profession] means we have given up everything to do it. We have no savings. We have no insurance. We have nothing. We need your help so we can fill in some of those gaps.”

Blundell said the list of needs includes assistance with dental care, transportation and framing.

A day later, Lambert said unlike what people think, there really isn’t a lot of unclaimed money available. Some of the grants applications are also cost prohibitive.

The arts council, he said, needs to satisfy the majority of its members.

Haliburton is unique in that it has many



Darren Lum Staff

The Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands chairwoman Chris Lynd listens to feedback about what the volunteer organization can do for members at the potluck meeting at Fleming College in Haliburton on Tuesday, Feb. 12. Although some in attendance voiced displeasure with the council, Lynd welcomed suggestions for direction.

thriving arts organizations and so the arts council’s role is to manage the space in between the organizations and individuals, he said.

“One of the biggest roles of the arts council is to begin to establish or re-establish communication between those organizations [and individuals] so I think in terms of very solid benefits for our members. I see our members individually and I see them as other organizations that can be members of the arts council. Both of those are very, very important,” he said.

This way everyone’s resources can be shared among such groups as the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the Haliburton County Folk Society, the Haliburton Highlands Writers’ and Editors’ Network and the Haliburton Highlands Weavers, he said.

“I see providing that kind of information and collecting it and having it accessible is one of the key roles of the arts council,” he said.

Not everyone agrees.

Among the questions that raised the hackles of attendees was whether the printed arts council directory was worth the cost.

Lynd, who didn’t provide answers at the meeting, said a committee of members will discuss it in April.

The majority said the directory was ineffective, though it had one vocal defender in artist Todd Jeffrey Ellis, who said all promotion is helpful.

Despite the adversarial moments, every-

one agreed a unified front is essential to prosperity for the arts community in the Highlands. It will involve partnerships and collaboration with other community organizations.

To address the need for health care and merchant services, a partnership with the chamber of commerce could be forged.

Chamber manager Rosemarie Jung said all of her full-fledged members are eligible for both health care and merchant services. She and Lynd have spoken about a possible associate membership between organizations. This will provide an opportunity for access to benefits such as dental coverage and merchant services saving artists “pennies on the dollar” for each transaction when compared to other service transaction fees.

The chamber is exploring the expansion of the membership plan to other groups in the community, Jung said. The arts council is a member of the chamber.

Meeting attendees also expressed interest in regular workshops. However, Lambert said four years ago workshops were available, but not well attended.

Scheduling difficulties were cited as a problem. One suggestion was “webinars,” online seminars, with related information on the arts council website.

Lynd said the website will be improved.

Other suggestions included transportation and accommodation support as well as a resource bank where people could barter their skills. Lynd said she would work on it.

Art in public spaces was one idea from

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**We really need some help and that’s the truth.**

— Gary Blundell  
Artist

relative newcomer to the council, Mary Ketrick, who envisioned a Haliburton Art Walk.

The proposal is similar to something in Huntsville called The Group of Seven Outdoor Gallery Community Mural, which encouraged public participation by having people add a few brush strokes to wall murals.

Haliburton’s would feature local artists.

Ketrick said the concept would not only beautify and promote art in the area, but would foster greater co-operation with other groups such as the Business Improvement Area to the benefit of the entire community.

Another idea was to approach municipalities, restaurants or offices to volunteer work to fill empty walls.

Lambert said the council’s board would meet on Feb. 21 to look at which ideas they will move forward with.



# Bark embracing new role at detachment

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Staff Sgt. Chad Bark is not giving any thought to retirement.

Although Bark is less than three years away from being eligible for a life of leisure, the new detachment commander for the Haliburton Highlands OPP is not yet ready to give up work.

"I'm too young to retire," said Bark from his new office at the detachment in Minden.

While still settling into his new digs and a new routine, Bark, 51, has been acting as the detachment commander for the Highlands since July 2012.

He was recently moved into the role on a permanent basis, although his appointment doesn't officially come into effect until May 6.

"Since I've arrived here and been working here it's been a great experience. I've really enjoyed it, as the saying goes a change is as good as a rest," he said.

Born in Toronto, Bark was raised in Peterborough, where he learned a lot about the justice system through his father, who was a provincial court judge.

Graduating with a degree in economics and geography from Trent University, Bark became a police officer in 1985, after completing police college.

"Policing was an option that had always been in the back of my mind," he said.

He spent the next 20 plus years working in various detachments and units throughout the province, including Barrie and Orillia, with time spent in the fraud and the investigations bureaus.

His most recent placement was as a detective staff sergeant supervising criminal operations in the central east region.

Filling the position previously held by Sgt. Malcolm Quigley, who has since been promoted to the Orillia detachment, Bark is looking forward to the wilderness and wildlife found in Haliburton County.

"I love the outdoors so this is just right in my wheelhouse. I love the lakes and trees, the woods, everything."

Married with two grown children, Bark has not yet relocated to the area but is in the process of doing so with his wife.

As detachment commander Bark is responsible for running the day-to-day functions of the facility and police force, taking care of administration and opera-



**Angelica Blenich** Staff

Staff Sgt. Chad Bark is stepping into the role of detachment commander for the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. Serving as the acting commander since last July, Bark is looking forward to living in the Highlands.

tions.

But don't expect the commander to spend all his time behind his desk, as Bark is looking forward to active duty.

"I will be on duty and I hope to be out there and attending calls ... certainly some of the more serious calls for service I intend to go to. I intend to get out and in the community."

Challenges for policing in the Haliburton Highlands include the size and geography of the area, which makes it difficult for a small detachment to cover the county, said Bark.

"It's a large area and is clearly dotted by multiple lakes ... the communities are not all together, they're spread out so that

means calls for service are typically spread out so there's a lot of travel time between trying to get to calls."

With 31 full-time OPP officers on staff at the detachment, on a good day only six are on duty.

While the number of motor vehicle collisions are decreasing, those which are alcohol related are on the rise, a trend Bark would like to see reversed during his tenure.

"That's troubling. You would think with all the public education, campaigns and knowledge out there ... you would think the message would be out there and people would think twice about that."

Other statistics point to a high number of

accidents caused by inattentive driving.

The detachment is looking at decreasing those numbers as well as the incidents of property crime in the county.

One of Bark's focuses will be to engage the detachment with the community more, bringing a larger presence to the public.

Despite the challenges and demanding schedule, Bark thoroughly enjoys being a police officer, citing great co-workers and the satisfaction of ending crime as reasons for loving his work.

"It's been a great career. I've enjoyed it. I enjoy getting up in the morning and going to work. I enjoy that every day is different and you never know what is on your horizon."

## MNR charges \$1,000 fine for unpaid aggregate licence fee

An Ontario corporation has been fined \$1,000 after the annual licence fee for its aggregate operation remained unpaid more than six months after the deadline for payment.

A director of the corporation received a suspended sentence for the same offence.

Ontario Corporation 1227199 of Minden, and Robert Wilbee, a director of the corporation, both pleaded guilty to failing to pay

the annual licence fee for the company's aggregate operation.

The court heard that as of Oct. 5, 2012, Wilbee had failed to pay the aggregate licence fee for 2012, despite previous warnings and a previous conviction for the same offence.

Holders of aggregate licenses are required to pay their annual licence fee by March 15 of each year.

Justice of the Peace James Oates heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden on Feb. 7.

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## Banning nuts

**B**ILL MOSHENKO'S beef with Trillium Lakelands District School Board reveals the need for better policy on allowable food at school.

Moshenko wants his son to be able to eat soy butter at Stuart Baker Elementary School, but the board says he can't because it looks too much like peanut butter.

Peanuts can cause anaphylactic reactions in kids with allergies and can be fatal.

So the board has passed a policy disallowing soy butter, even though it doesn't hurt kids with peanut allergies.

Moshenko says he's diligent about avoiding nut products in his son's lunches and says the board is overstepping by not just banning nuts, but anything that could look like nuts.

He's been pro-active in what he sends to school and thinks his son is being unfairly punished despite accommodating nut-safe policies.

The school board argues soy butter and other "imitation" butters are hard to police – teachers can't visually tell the difference between them – and other children might get the wrong impression.

Given how dangerous peanuts can be to children with allergies, a stringent – even excessive – policy from the school board is warranted.

However, a policy that bans looka-

like food should be a short-term measure at best.

The food industry is constantly inventing new products to fill niche markets such as gluten-free, vegan and nut-free dietary requirements.

The purpose of many of these new foods is to mimic the original.

The industry won't stop at fake peanut butter and teachers can't be expected to fill the role of food inspector on top of everything else.

Which is why the board should now be looking for better policy on polic-

ing food.

The current policy already includes measures to protect students like wiping desktops, using napkins and hand washing.

Further accommodations such as labeling, special nut-free zones and better education could fill out the policy.

In the long run, banning imitations won't fix the problem in our schools because there's no foreseeable end to imitation products.

On top of that, creating alternatives to dangerous foods should be encouraged, rather than rebuffed.

Maybe imitation peanut butter *does* look too much like real peanut butter, but there must be a better way to ensure safety than to ban it outright.

The board should be looking for that.



**Jenn Watt**  
Editor



**Birch Highlights**

photo by Darren Lum

## Proverbs 16:28 - Gossip

**T**WELVE YEARS AGO Cathy Stouffer (a true gem of the Haliburton Highlands and owner of Master's Book Store) told my husband and I about *Jungle Jam and Friends: The Radio Show*, that was available on CD. The shows are usually set in the jungle, although they do take place in other locations as well.

The stories follow a familiar pattern where there is an introduction followed by a 10 to 45 minute story. Shorter stories end with a fun song, longer stories have songs scattered throughout. Some episodes follow very funny characters like Gruffy Bear, Nozzles (the elephant), Raquette (the skunk), Millard the Monkey, Max the Giraffe, Sully the Aardvark and other stories follow a boy named Marvy Snuffleson and his sister Katie and their visits to the remarkable Razzle Flabben Island.

All episodes teach a lesson about the Bible or about Christian life. On Cathy's recommendation we bought the full set of stories and they quickly became our best friends for travelling in the car and for bedtime stories. We listened to every story hundreds of times and laughed our heads off. We fell in love with all of the goofy characters. Not only were the stories great for making us laugh, but they sparked many conversations at an early age (for Madeline) about all kinds of topics.

I remember the first story we listened to. It started with a simple statement - the Bible says in Proverbs 16:28, that, "a gos-

sip ruins friendships." That was the extent of the lesson. The story then began and the Jungle Jam gang learned about the importance of not gossiping through a series of silly situations. It was a very simple tool to introduce my daughter to Christianity, the Bible and how all traditions teach about ways to be a good person.

Now my daughter is 12 years old and we still continue to have conversations about issues like gossip, or being selfish or kindness, etc., and what I find fascinating is that the yogic tradition teaches many of the same lessons but just in different

ways.

In the yogic map of the body, we all have a subtle body that is where energy gathers and collects and moves. The energy that makes our hearts beat, our stomachs digest is the energy I'm referring to. The Vishuda chakra (an energy centre) located at the throat is all about how we use our words to express ourselves in the world. It is about pure radical honesty, finding your voice and mastering the way in which you use your voice. The yogis understood, as do the Christians, that words can help and word can harm and we all learn at a young age from our families how we communicate and what stories we tell.

I'm grateful for all of these traditions that challenge us and encourage us to be the best that we can be. We all need to learn. And I'm thankful for Cathy Stouffer. She has been a behind the scenes teacher for my daughter for many years.



**Lynda Shadbolt**  
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# points of view

## Hard labour

I WALKED INTO the hardware store wearing the desperate look of a man who had just returned from some great war. Provided, of course, that the struggle was so violent as to lightly sprinkle sawdust across your favourite plaid shirt, almost induce perspiration and set the stage for what might one day be a real-life callous. But did I make a big deal of it?

No, I did not.

In fact, when Doug, the trusty sales assistant walked by, I only mentioned it because he hesitated before sprinting off to other errands.

"You tripped me," he said.

"Well, Doug," I countered, "no doubt you're probably wondering about the heady aroma of oak and manly toil."

And then, just to punctuate the point, I raised my pinky and showed him my boo-boo.

"Have you been using tools again Steve?" he asked hesitantly.

I stared off into Aisle 13 thoughtfully, then took a deep breath and began my epic saga. After all, Doug asked.

"I have just returned from my basement, where I have used a skill saw successfully to sever an oak board into

pieces that approximate what I originally intended. That's right; I fought with oak, the manliest of all woods – probably a distant relative of the same tree that was used to build the great warships and some high-end washroom vanities. And I have mastered that oak. The pine is another matter entirely."

"Can I hel...", he interrupted.

I immediately put my finger across his lips and continued.

"I'm here now, in this temple of manliness, to wander aimlessly through the aisles, look at power tools and perhaps purchase a spade bit that will allow me to drill a hole and perhaps even countersink something," I said sternly.

Doug nodded solemnly and pointed me to the back. When I turned back to thank him, he was gone.

"I see," I muttered. "Some journeys a man must do alone, huh?"

And so it was that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 2013 I bought that spade bit along with a quarter-inch drill bit, a dowel and a handful of one-inch wood screws and once again, drove home and deliberately threw myself back into harm's way.

When I walked through the door, Jenn looked at me, I suppose as people look at their heroes, and said, "Are you sure you know what you're doing?"

Of course, I didn't. Like most men of my woodworking ability, I was in uncharted territory from the word countersink. And while my original intent was to build a small, tabletop, fly-tying station, I was dealing with woodscrews, power tools and only the vaguest sense of how to use them, so it could have just as easily turned out to be a garden shed.

As fate would have it, however, I finished my fly-tying station yesterday – although as with all woodworking projects, it evolved slightly from the original design. When it was done, the sound of whirring blades and drill bits was replaced by the sounds of me muttering and trying to free my index finger from the hook I had just lashed it too.

Minutes later, Jenn cautiously walked downstairs and peeked around the corner.

"Thank goodness, you're OK," she said, as she put down her first aid kit.

"Huh?" I smiled.

"Well, when the power tools stopped abruptly I naturally assumed..."

"It's finished," I said. "Do you like it?"

"Uh sure," she replied. "But how on earth are you going to get that garden shed through the door?"



**Steve Galea**  
Loon Tales



### pic of the past

This image appears to be from springtime in the 1960s. The current Rails End Gallery can be seen in the background. On the right was a conveyor to load rail cars with white Dolomite stone from Bolen-dars in Eagle Lake. The logs that are piled in what is now Head Lake Park were mostly hardwood and were trucked in over the winter months. A mill, owned by Lorne Bailey, sat where the present day band-shell is. In the busy times, one million feet of lumber was sawn at the mill and then shipped out by rail. Submitted by Kim Emmerson

### letters to the editor

## Congratulations, Michael

#### To the Editor,

Thank you very much for the wonderful article on Michael Sawyer and the work he is doing. While listening to him way back in Grade 7 I knew that he was going to make his mark in the field of science.

Following his career over the years, I could see how dedicated he was to his studies in various areas of medicine, leading to a specialization in oncology.

All his studying, research and work has resulted in this incredibly important breakthrough in the early diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.

Like his parents, we are all so very proud of him and all that he has accomplished.

**Leona Carter**  
Minden

## Pond hockey memories

#### To the Editor,

*This letter was originally sent to Coun-cillor Jean Neville and shared with the Echo.*

Having spent my formative years in various towns in Haliburton County, I got to play pond hockey on a lot of lakes, rivers and ponds. I was very impressed to see that Haliburton hosted the popular pond hockey tournament this year. I knew their volunteers would see that the games were "ever so successful".

Sometime in 2012 we spoke briefly about one of your constituents – who happens to be my cousin.

As a result, I dug into my trunk of archives and came up with a picture for you!

This is Ken Schrader – brother to twin Keith Schrader who were born in Gelert, on June 26, 1939.



I was home visiting over Christmas week 1951 and stopped at the Gelert Gardens Arena where a pond hockey game was being played. The "goaltender" is my cousin Ken Schrader.

Most of us used magazines or catalogues under our socks for shin pads, but due to some ingenuity on the part of cousin Ken he looks like an all-star goaltender. Ken is wearing a pair of "sweat pads," which were commonly used under leather horse collars for draft/work

horses.

I think Ken likely had sticky fingers and took them from Schrader's Store on Main Street Gelert. (Ask him). The rest of the players are in the background while I took the picture of their "all-star" goalie.

**Gren Schrader**



# Counting birds by canoe

A cool northeast breeze and a temperature of -4 Celsius greeted Margaret and I as we lowered our canoe into the waters of Gull Lake early on the morning of Dec. 15. This was the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas bird count in Haliburton County. Paddling among the sheltered islands of the lake in search of waterfowl is one of our favourite ways to spend part of count day. In mid-December we have the lake to ourselves, but conditions have to be ideal to venture out at that time of year. For the past several years it had either been too windy, or the lake was frozen, so we were overjoyed to be able to paddle this year.

As we headed off westward toward the nearest islands, we flushed a small group of hooded mergansers and two common goldeneyes, hardy diving ducks taking advantage of open water to capture minnows. Near a small rocky island, a group of four mergansers seemed to have grey throats and a slightly less robust profile. These were female-plumaged red-breasted mergansers, lingering migrants perhaps from northern Quebec. Female common mergansers, often seen in summer with their brood in tow, have white throats.

While our primary target was waterfowl, being out in a canoe in the quiet of early morning is also one of the best ways to see and hear land birds. A group of three pileated woodpeckers called loudly, then flew one by one across a narrow channel. Around a bend two more could be heard hammering on dead trees as they chiselled off huge chips in search of fat beetle larvae buried deep in the rotting wood. Relatively calm and mild weather encourage woodpeckers to move about and vocalize. The 25 pileated woodpeckers found this year was a record for the count.

Frequently we stopped to listen and call for chickadees. Overhead we heard pine and evening grosbeaks, common redpolls and American goldfinches. A distant

raven's hoarse call echoed across the lake. Rounding an island on our way back to the launch point, we spotted a head above the water in front of us. As we got closer, a loud snort identified a young otter, surprised that any humans would be out disturbing her fishing in this season.

In sheltered bays among the pine-covered islands, three belted kingfishers sat on limbs overhanging shallow water as they watched for breakfast to swim past. Another individual spotted along the Drag River made a total of four, also a record number. One species we always hope to find on our search is common loon. Finally Margaret spotted one some distance off. A second seemed to be waiting to bid us farewell as we paddled back to the dock to hoist our canoe back onto the car.

Three new species were added to the count this year, bringing the overall total to 102, quite remarkable for December in Haliburton County. New birds were a male red-bellied woodpecker visiting a feeder on the west shore of Gull Lake, a hermit thrush under a feeder in a sheltered yard in Minden, and a merlin zipping through a woods near the Gull River south of Minden. Red-bellied woodpeckers are a southern species that has been expanding its range northward quite rapidly in recent years. Hermit thrushes have perhaps the most beautiful song of all our summer birds. Their haunting melodies drift from evergreen forest throughout the county at dawn and dusk starting in late April. Most are wintering now in warmer parts of North and Central America.

Merlins are members of the falcon family, smaller than their better-known relatives, peregrine falcons, but a bit larger than American kestrels. Merlin numbers have been recovering quickly from the ravages of DDT that decimated populations of top predators in the mid-19th century. Kestrel numbers, on the other hand, have

plummeted, in large part due to a lack of nest sites. They take over old woodpecker holes and hollows in relatively open country, but since the last of the American elms died, nest sites are harder to find. A wood duck nest box I nailed to the end of the barn on the family farm south of Minden has been home to a pair of kestrels every year since I placed it there. Kestrels feed mainly on mice and large insects. If you live on a farm, or somewhere else with some open grassy area, put up a suitable nest box with a predator guard to keep out raccoons. When the young birds fledge, they'll reward you with many hours of entertainment, while their parents rid your garden of pests.

Many thanks to the 30 folks who made this year's count an even greater success by tallying the birds in their neighbourhood. The 21 people who spent the day checking fields, forests and roadsides found a total of 48 different kinds of birds, while three additional species were added by people checking their feeders. Only one feeder had a pair of grey jays this year. The record number was 19 in 1998. Grey jays store food over winter by coating it with saliva and hiding it to feed young that hatch as early as March when food is scarce. Winters with a number of warm spells followed by refreezing causes the food to spoil. Grey jay pairs in the southern part of their range such as Haliburton and Algonquin Park are perhaps half what they were when this count started in 1967. While global warming benefits species such as cardinals that are expanding northward, grey jays aren't so lucky.

Many folks were overjoyed to have evening grosbeaks visit their feeders for the first time in recent years, especially since there seemed to be a good proportion of bright yellow males. Pine grosbeaks were less noticeable, since they tend to feed on the ground on seed scattered by other birds, but the sight of a bright pink male against a blanket of white always brings a smile to the lips of anyone lucky enough to spot one. Redpolls, too, came early and in good numbers to feeders with niger seed.

For the next two years the count is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14, in 2013 and Sunday in 2014. So mark your calendar, stock your feeders early and wait to see what guests come to visit.

*Submitted by Dennis Barry*

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# Pond hockey street party pitched for next year

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Haliburton Business Improvement Area's annual general meeting on Feb. 11.*

The Canadian Pond Hockey Championships held in Haliburton over two weekends in January and February didn't garner the sales businesses were expecting.

Reeve Murray Fearrey addressed those concerns at the AGM, saying next year he would like to see better integration with the town of Haliburton.

"Hopefully we'll have two Friday nights where we close the streets, have some bonfires and some music, keep the stores open, the restaurants [open] and bring some of the value where it should be, downtown," Fearrey said.

He acknowledged that the players didn't visit many local stores, but noted that those who got extra work from the events – most notably resort workers and owners – would have more money to spend locally.

## Arena to re-open by end of month

The closure of the Haliburton arena this winter reminded community members how important the building is to the overall economy.

BIA president Luke Schell said many of his members lost revenue this winter sea-

son without the steady flow of hockey players and their families in town.

"It's been a tough year. The arena being closed has hurt some businesses in town," he said.

Fearrey sympathized and said it was never Dysart et al's plan to close the building, but unforeseen circumstances led to the closure.

A brine leak was discovered in the summer.

"We didn't plan that, but I think we've got extra summer hockey coming this year and we will be the elite arena next year and I think we'll make up for lost ground we had this year," Fearrey said.

The reeve and Councillor Andrea Roberts described the renovations as opening up the look of the interior, enhancing viewing experience with taller glass around the rink and better dressing rooms.

"I'm not even close to finding any fault with what's going on," Schell said of the arena renovations.

Ice is being re-laid this week and the building should be open by the end of the month.

## Colourfest to be scaled back

The BIA's budget for Haliburton's fall festival has been reduced over the amount spent in 2012.

About \$17,000 was spent on Colourfest this year, including \$1,700 for advertising and \$4,700 for the co-ordinator. More than \$18,000 was spent on entertainment and miscellaneous costs.

Money was brought in to offset those expenses including thousands in sponsorships.

This year, the BIA expects to spend \$6,000 with \$2,000 for the event co-ordinator, \$4,000 for entertainment and miscellaneous expenses.

BIA executive member and Dysart councillor Andrea Roberts said that spending more didn't seem to attract more people and the BIA's mandate is not to put on festivals, but to beautify, promote and market the downtown.

Schell agreed.

"You can have a big band and attract 100 people or a small band and attract 98," he said.

Schell said last year's co-ordinator, Gail Stelter, did an exceptional job in organizing the event.

The BIA plans to continue with Colourfest, just a downsized version.

"We're going back to our roots," Roberts said.

## BIA to sell banner space

Community organizations are being offered space along Highland Street to promote themselves.

The BIA is launching an initiative this year to sell space on lampposts.

So far, the Highlands Summer Festival as

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**Hopefully we'll have two Friday nights where we close the streets, have some bonfires and some music, keep the stores open [open], the restaurants and bring some of the value where it should be, downtown**

— Murray Fearrey

well as the Rails End Gallery have expressed interest.

## New executive elected

The BIA's new executive was elected including Luke Schell, Andrea Roberts, Nelly Ashworth, Andy Glecoff, Ray Langdon, Renzo Rosati, Brad Park and Katie Hammer-schmidt.

# Highlands East to embark on cultural mapping

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

A recent grant announcement has the municipality of Highlands East looking at undertaking a cultural mapping initiative.

The municipality was awarded more than \$44,000 by the Creative Communities Prosperity Fund, of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

The funds will allow the municipality to create a comprehensive catalogue of the cultural assets in Highlands East.

It will include tangible and intangible cultural assets, consultations with cultural organizations and groups and identifying needs for community facilities, said Councillor Steven Kauffeldt at a meeting of council on Feb. 12.

To receive the grant in its entirety Highlands East must spend \$55,000 on the project, including the grant funds.

If the municipality spends less on the

project the allocation from the ministry decreases, according to Kauffeldt.

"We receive the same percentage, no matter what it works out to," he said.

One of the first tasks of the project is to hire a project co-ordinator, who will be paid \$5,000.

The co-ordinator will be responsible for creating a steering committee, to be chaired by Kauffeldt.

Kauffeldt and chief administrative officer Sharon Stoughton-Craig recommended the municipality look at hiring consultant Jim Blake to be the project's co-ordinator.

"He's done it before, he helped with the application in the first place and he's helped us since the application," said Kauffeldt.

Council agreed to advertise the position of project co-ordinator to the public.

The municipality has until the end of March, 2014 to use the funds for the project.

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# Cash for Care hands out first prize

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation drew the first winning ticket in this year's Cash for Care lottery with much fanfare at the Haliburton Hospital on Valentine's Day.

Roy Megarry of Uxbridge was the winner of the \$500 early bird draw and his ticket was returned to the drum Thursday to be entered again in subsequent draws.

Foundation chairman Peter Oyler said tickets are 75 per cent sold and the hope is to reach \$35,000 profit by the time the lottery runs its course in May.

The next draw is for \$500 on March 16 followed by a third early bird draw on April 30 for \$1,000.

The final draws for \$15,000, \$5,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 will all be held at a big celebration May 18.

Tickets to the bash will be sold separately.

Since tickets are returned to the drum following each draw, it's possible for one person to win all \$25,000, Oyler told a group gathered on Thursday, though he noted the odds of that were slim.

Three thousand tickets out of 4,000 have been sold so far.

You can purchase one by going to BMO in Haliburton or TD Bank in Minden or by calling 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580 or by emailing [foundation@hhhs.on.ca](mailto:foundation@hhhs.on.ca).



**Jenn Watt Staff**

MPP Laurie Scott and hospital foundation chairman Peter Oyler check the name on the winning ticket of the early bird draw of Cash for Care at Haliburton Hospital on Feb. 14. Money raised goes to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The next draw for \$500 is in March. There is a total of \$25,000 to be given away.

## New systems keep an eye on the heart

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

It's fitting that the new central patient monitoring systems arrived in Haliburton the week of Valentine's Day.

The machines were being installed at the Haliburton and Minden hospitals on Feb. 12 and 13, with staff at the sites receiving training on how to use the systems, which monitor and track a patient's heart.

Using an electrical tracing of the heart, the machines can be attached to patients in both the emergency and hospital departments.

As of Feb. 13 the Haliburton site was tracing eight hearts with the new system.

Fundraised for by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, the equipment was purchased with proceeds from the Believe in the Magic Campaign, held during the Christmas season.

The campaign raised more than \$100,000.

"We want to thank the community and beyond for their support," said HHHSF executive director Dale Walker.

The new systems replace 12-year-old machines, which were technologically outdated.

"We're going from rotary dial to touch screen," said HHHS nurse Stephanie Kuno.

Representatives from the medical equipment company that produced the new systems travelled from West Virginia to Haliburton to install and train the staff.

**Angelica Blenich Staff**

Staff at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services hospital in Haliburton were getting familiar with the brand new central patient monitoring system, shown, which was being installed on Feb. 13. The system was recently purchased by HHHS thanks to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's Believe in the Magic Campaign, which raised more than \$100,000 for the equipment.

From left, HHHSF executive director Dale Walker; Holly Mount, system trainer, Kym Gordon, RN at HHHS; Stephanie Kuno, RN at HHHS and Dr. Mike Armstrong of HHHS.





# Council approves improvements to fair

Angelica Blenich  
Staff reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Feb. 12 meeting of Highlands East council.*

The Wilberforce Agricultural Fair could look different this year if plans to improve the annual event are successful.

Representing the Wilberforce Agricultural Society, Joanne Vanier was seeking council's support in authorizing the fair board to make infrastructure improvements prior to this year's event, scheduled to take place Aug. 9 and 10.

The fair board is looking to build a base for a recently purchased container, to allow it to be used as an announcing booth in addition to a storage option.

The compact aggregate base will raise the structure three feet and be made out of concrete pads, said Vanier.

The board plans to add topsoil and landscape around the announcing booth, if funds permit. At a cost of \$1,200, the base can be purchased without financial help from the municipality, she said.

The Society is also looking into building a sheltered area for their goat show portion of the fair.

Dubbed one of the best in Ontario, the goat show has been in jeopardy in previous years when bad weather has occurred, said Vanier.

If permitted, the structure would be near the creek and could be used by the community throughout the year.

The board estimates the structure would cost about \$12,700, and is planning on applying for a grant through the Haliburton County Development Corporation's Community Capacity Building Program to fund it.

If successful, the Society would have to cover \$2,600 of the structure's total cost, which could be done without council's help, according to Vanier.

Council passed a resolution approving the improvements.

This year will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair.

## Physician recruitment agreement in place

Council has approved a co-operation agreement with Hastings County to partner on a doctor recruitment program.

The agreement follows a delegation made to the municipality last month by Hastings County chief administrative officer Jim Pine.

The partnership will see Highlands East tag onto a successful program already in place in the neighbouring county, in the hopes it will bring a full-time physician to the area.

If successful, Highlands East will contribute financially to the program, which offers those recruited a \$150,000 grant to offset medical school costs.

## Dental clinic being used by those in Highlands East

Statistics released by the Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic show that residents of Highlands East are benefiting from the not-for-profit organization in Haliburton.

Last year, 57 people from Highlands East were treated at the clinic, making up 18 per cent of the total number of patients.

More than 20 travelled from Gooderham, 16 from Tory Hill, nine from Wilberforce, six from Cardiff and four from Highland Grove.

"From the stats you can see the VDO is doing a great job for Highlands East," said chief administrative officer Sharon Stoughton-Craig.

The VDO provides free dental care for low-income residents within Haliburton County.

The largest percentage of patients came from Dysart et al, with 41 per cent.



Darren Lum Staff

Alpine goat, front, Morning MCM Nikita No Name captured the Best in Show honours at the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair last year. Council approved the construction of a new goat shelter area for this year's fair.

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# Shakespeare Club nets library another win

Jenn Watt  
Editor

Amanda Wilk believes the library and the theatre are a perfect match.

Not at first blush, mind you, but when you really get down to what the two institutions stand for.

"They entertain, educate and empower ... libraries and the theatre do both," says Wilk, a public services librarian with Haliburton County Public Library.

Wilk's passion for plays and performance pushed her to create the library's first Shakespeare Club in the summer - and that idea ended up winning her and the library best poster at the Ontario Library Association's Super Conference Feb. 2.

"It kind of made my conference," Wilk said. "It was a surprise for sure because you're competing against major organizations."

The poster contest was a two-day affair with a winner each day. Up against 23 other posters, Wilk thinks hers stood out because of how universal and accessible the program is.

"You can do it anywhere," she said, noting very few resources are needed to create the discussion-group style

club.

The Shakespeare Club had a slow start and still has a modest following, but Wilk takes pride in members' engagement and dedication to the group.

Once a month, between eight and nine people meet to discuss and read Shakespeare's works.

Those who join tend to stay on, which makes Wilk think people might just be intimidated by the subject matter.

"A lot of people, when they look back at their high school English class - it wasn't fun," she said.

Her group aims to show "how fun and exciting Shakespeare's plays can be."

Wilk prepares for the group by providing resource materials, making sure everyone is on the same page and can participate with the same foundation of knowledge.

The Shakespeare Club meets on the third Thursday of the month from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Dysart branch of the library.

Amanda Wilk stands in front of her winning display on Haliburton County Public Library's Shakespeare club at the Ontario Library Association's Super Conference Feb. 2. Her poster was voted the best out of 24 presented. Submitted



## Pennies for computers campaign floats program

Jenn Watt  
Editor

In July, the Haliburton County Public Library put a call out to the community to help fund the institution's computer collection.

Following the announcement that the federal govern-

ment would not be putting money into CAP, Community Access Program, the library asked the public to help.

The response was heartwarming, county librarian Bessie Sullivan said.

More than \$1,700 was donated by the public through the Pennies for Computers challenge as well as through private citizens running their own fundraisers like lemonade stands and yard sales.

In addition, the Lions Club donated \$1,000 and Friends of the Library pledged \$2,000.

The money will go to the library's supplies - ink, paper, replacing equipment, IT time.

There are nine public computer locations across the county taken care of by the library.

"I'm always amazed at this community," Sullivan said.

According to the Global Impact Survey, 40 per cent of

public computers are used for income and job search activities.

The same survey says 94 per cent of those using public computers for communication and email "say that these uses have improved their computer literacy."

Wifi access at the libraries is paid for by the county.

The library also runs programming on using computers, including basics like how to use a mouse to more advanced topics such as how to safely shop online.

Amanda Wilk, who runs the computer literacy workshops, said she gets a healthy turnout to most sessions.

The largest was 27 attendees to her e-reader workshop.

Most other workshops bring in about eight users per location (one in Minden and one in Haliburton a week).

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Competition was rampant during an intense game of hockey at the annual Stuart Baker Elementary School winter fun day on Feb. 15 in Haliburton. The afternoon activities included broomball, soccer, bubbles, tobogganing and hockey, organized by the school's athletic director Jim Hopkins. The event was capped off by hot chocolate for all the primary students.



Senior kindergarten student Annabelle slides down a mountain of snow on a crazy carpet at Stuart Baker Elementary School.

# Let it snow!

**Photos by Angelica Blenich**



Sisters Willow Micallef, left, and Grace enjoy ribbon gymnastics at the annual Stuart Baker Elementary School winter fun day on Feb. 15.



The parachute is always met with smiles as students from Stuart Baker Elementary School scurry under the multicolour tarp during a game including sharks, fish and lifeguards.

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# Road upkeep frustrates drivers

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

This winter is the first winter of new, 10-year contract for the maintenance of provincial highways in the county and some residents believe there has been a decline in the level of service.

"It's been awful," said Ann Barker, a longtime Highway 35 resident in Algonquin Highlands, adding that she believed icy conditions on the highway have been responsible for vehicles sliding off the road.

The new, decade-long Huntsville area maintenance contract, in which Haliburton County is included, was awarded to Carillion Canada, one of five companies that submitted bids. The others were Transfield Services Limited, DeAngelo Brothers Inc., High Road Maintenance Inc., and Integrated Maintenance & Operations Services Inc.

Carillion Canada was awarded the contract with a total annual price of \$11.9 million.

Carillion is a multi-national company based out of the United Kingdom.

The paper requested, but did not receive, the other bids the Ministry of Transportation received.

A six-year contract that began in 2006 had belonged to Fowler Construction, with work being subcontracted out to Carnarvon-based Francis Thomas Contracting.

Prior to 2006, contracts were awarded on a three-year basis, going to local companies including Thomas.

According to Thomas operations manager Rylie Sloan, the company had used five trucks manned with 12 employees to cover Highway 118 from Muskoka in the west to Loon Lake in the east and along Highway 35 from the border with the City of Kawartha Lakes to Carnarvon.

Sloan said the company went above the minimum standards required for the highways, which are Class 3 roadways, ensuring the centrelines, sidelines and shoulders were kept clear.

The paper contacted Carillion and was referred to the Ministry of Transportation.

According to the ministry, Carillion is using one combination plow/spreader to maintain Highway 118 from five kilometres west of Anson Creek in the west to Loon Lake in east and one truck to maintain Highway 35 from the boundary with the City of Kawartha Lakes to three-and-a-half kilometres south of Carnarvon.

"Carillion's fleet of combination units have a larger capacity for salt and sand than previous equipment, allowing them to travel farther between refilling stops," read an email from MTO communications co-ordinator Gordan Rennie. "As well, the unit with the tow plow can service more than one lane at a time. In addition, the plow circuit routes serviced by this equipment are shorter than in previous winters as the contractor has modified the routes between other patrol yards. The paper asked if the company was adhering only to minimum standards.

"Our winter maintenance standards have not changed," Rennie wrote. "We review our contractors' operations to make sure our high standards are met. This review includes: when the winter event started, characteristics and duration of the storm, highway conditions, response time to deploy equipment, frequency and continuity of equipment used, sand and salt application rates and the time taken to achieve the bare pavement standard after the storm."

According to the minimum standards for Class 3 highways, equipment for spreading salt or sand must be deployed within 30 minutes of a storm starting, contractors must plow highways when there is an accumulation of two centimetres or more of snow or slush and must continue until the storm ends. Highways must be returned to bare pavement within 24 hours of the end of the storm.

The paper asked if there was any chance of getting more trucks in the area.

"The plow route circuit times were calculated to meet the level of service requirement for a Class 3 roadway," Rennie wrote. "The units in place are of a sufficient size to plow and spread winter materials to meet ministry standards."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott said her office had received complaints about the highways after a Jan. 19 dumping of snow and had put in an inquiry with the MTO, hearing back on Feb. 6.

"They did say there are financial consequences [for the company] if they are not up to standards and they have GPS in the trucks," said Scott, who said she'd be looking into the issue further.

Contractors have been doing winter highway maintenance in Haliburton County since 1999.

"Originally, maintenance contracts were for three to five years, but over time the ministry learned that longer contracts allowed contractors to invest in new equipment and to become more knowledgeable about local conditions," Rennie wrote. "The recent round of area maintenance contracts in Ontario have averaged between 10 and 12 years."

Carillion holds other contracts throughout the province and, according to the ministry, tries to use local subcontractors and repair garages whenever possible.

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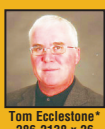
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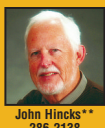
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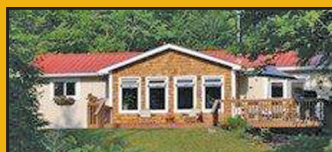
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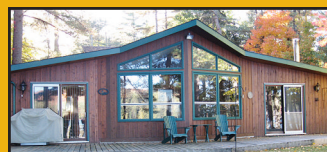
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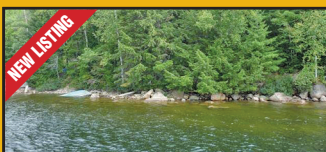
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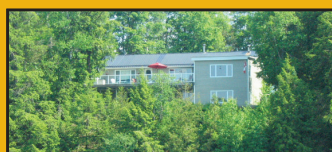


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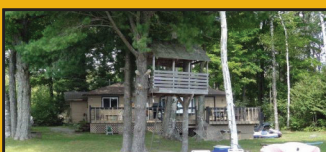
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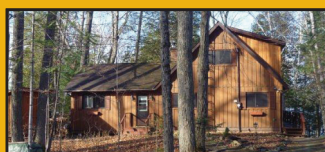
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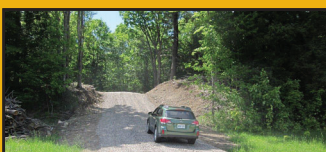
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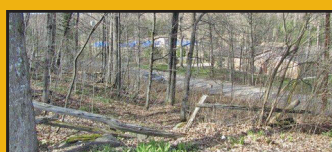
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Led by Jack Cox, carrying the Ontario flag, and Fraser MacDonald on bagpipes, there were 64 of the best high school aged curlers in the province at the Gore Provincial Championships at the Haliburton Curling Club from Feb. 14 to 16. The field of 16 teams came from 130 teams and included a Red Hawks girls' team.

# Province's best young curlers showcased



Haliburton Curling Club member Jack Cox smiles just before throwing the ceremonial rock to open the Gore Ontario School Curling Provincial Championships in Haliburton on Thursday. Cox was helped by sweepers and fellow club members Emily Parish, 12, and Holly Parish, 10, both of Minden. The ceremonies included bagpiper Fraser MacDonald of the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums Band, Owen Duhaime, MPP Laurie Scott and Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.



Red Hawks vice Holly Broderick, centre, watches her shot, flanked by teammates Alyssa Denyer, second, and Emily Shapiera, lead, during the first game at the Gore Provincial Championships at the Haliburton Curling Club on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 14. Skipped by Laura Pottier and coached by Scotty Boyd the team lost its opener to Perth and District Collegiate Institute 5-3.

Red Hawks skip Laura Pottier, left, listens to community coach Scotty Boyd during a break in the first game at the Gore Provincial Championships at the Haliburton Curling Club on Thursday, Feb. 14. The event included 16 teams from across the province and featured the best high school aged curlers.



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# Labour board hearing ends

**Erika Glasberg**  
QMI Agency

Local school boards are feeling confident that the Ontario Labour Relations Board will rule in their favour in the next week but only time will tell.

The Upper Canada District School Board, Trillium Lakelands District School Board and Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario have made their statements, their rebuttals and closing comments and are now waiting on a ruling from the chairperson of the Ontario Labour Relations Board to make the final decision about whether ETFO is participating in an unlawful strike.

"Everyone concluded and the chair has indicated that he will come out with a written agreement," said Greg Pietersma, chairman of UCDSB.

"We were always fairly confident that we had a good case to make to the OLRB and we remain confident and certainly nothing came up to change our mind."

The complaint was made to the OLRB by both boards after teachers received a notice from ETFO mid January telling them to refrain from participating in any voluntary activities.

According to the school boards, this action is the equivalent to hosting an

unlawful strike since the imposed contracts on teachers says that teachers are not able to strike for the two-year term of the contract.

"The union was trying to disrupt the running of the school board to make a political point in trying to influence the government," said Pietersma.

"In the past, we've expressed sympathy and we had concern too but we, at no point, thought it was necessary to take action or impact the kids or community in a negative fashion. When it became apparent that the union was attempting to make their members withdraw from extra curricular activities ... The recourse we had was to go with the complaint to the OLRB. That was the only way."

If the chairperson of the OLRB rules in favour of ETFO, the UCDSB has plans to continue extra-curricular activities by allowing former staff, administrative staff and more parents to volunteer their time.

But Pietersma insists that if the ruling goes that way, bigger problems will arise.

"We would be surprised," he said.

"I think if it does go against us, it won't just be us that have a problem here. I think the province will have to look at legislation to make sure that employers don't go through these situations."

If the OLRB rules in favour of the school boards, they hope that the teachers will



The local school board is awaiting a ruling from the labour relations board on whether elementary school teachers are unlawfully striking by withdrawing extra-curricular activities. /File photo

once again feel comfortable enough to continue to volunteer and work with the students to recreate the bonds that have been lost.

"Regardless of what happens, we believe that teachers are the ones who

are the best for running the events," Pietersma said.

"We're hoping that the chair communicates to unions that their members are free to choose what they want to do."

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# Area officials optimistic over Trent-Severn Waterway cuts

**Ernst Kuglin**  
QMI Agency

The short-term crisis on the Trent-Severn Waterway may be over, according to Quinte West Mayor John Williams.

Politicians and staff from several municipalities and five government MPs — including Peterborough MP Dean Del Mastro and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin — met with federal officials in Ottawa Thursday in an effort to find some short-term fixes for the troubled federal waterway.

"I'm optimistic something can get done. It was a very positive meeting," Williams said.

At issue were service levels, hours of operation and fees charged to boaters on the 386-kilometre waterway based in Peterborough that runs between Port Severn on Georgian Bay and Trenton on the Bay of Quinte and includes Haliburton's reservoir lakes.

The group formally presented Parks Canada staff with proposed user fees that show gradual increases over the next five years.

"We stressed service levels and were told the government is working hard to get problems rectified," Williams said. "We want on-demand lockage services."

Parks Canada had proposed service cuts and reduced hours of operation last fall and followed those changes up in January with a substantial increase in fees. The changes sparked widespread opposition from boaters, politicians and business owners.

As for longer-term issues, such as yanking control of the federal waterway from Parks Canada, Williams said that topic will be addressed at a future date.

Williams and other officials wanted guarantees service levels won't change and that an "acceptable" fee schedule is in place when the boating season begins in May.

"Government MPs are on side. There is political support and we're very hopeful we can get this fixed," added Williams. "We'll see what happens next."

While federal Environment Minister Peter Kent was not at the meeting, two of his staffers were present.

"They got the message and understood where we were coming from," Williams said.

Reduced services and hours of operation, combined with proposed fee hikes by Parks Canada, would sound "a death knell" for the Trent-Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal, says Trent Hills Mayor Hector Macmillan.

"These are national treasures, and they

are systematically being gutted and dismantled with what's being proposed by the federal government," Macmillan said last week. "To gut them is just criminal."

The two waterways are "economic drivers" that generate millions of dollars in revenue and help maintain businesses in communities such as Trent Hills, Macmillan said. "It's scaring the hell out of business owners and it's a burden on people who are worried about their livelihoods. It's a mean thing if that's their strategy."

Macmillan said the changes in Trent-Severn Waterway operations, including new higher fee schedules, reductions in daily service and proposed roaming truck crews that will let boaters through locks at preset times, represent a complete lack of understanding at the federal level of the importance of the waterway to local communities.

"It reads to me like it was written by somebody who's never left their cubicle in Ottawa, never been to a rural community, visited one of the canals, seen a lockage occur or seen the thousands of dollars that are spent in local communities and the jobs that are spun off. And I've got a real problem with guys driving around in pickup trucks from lock to lock following boats."

Unfortunately, the current Conservative government is not the only gov-

ernment in power that has ignored and underfunded the waterways, Macmillan said. "They've been an absolute vacuum for lack of funding, and all political stripes are guilty of that over the past 50 plus years. They have not invested into the infrastructure of the canal. And now, to cut operations, I just don't understand it; it's just beyond me."

Macmillan praised Williams for spearheading efforts to fight for the preservation of the Trent-Severn Waterway and for organizing a Jan. 24 meeting at Quinte West City Hall to discuss the issue.

Macmillan and Trent Hills council also supported a new alternative fee proposal that emerged from the meeting.

The new fee schedule would involve a gradual increase in mooring and lockage fees, starting with a \$0.90 per foot rate in 2013, and increasing the fee by 10 per cent in 2014 and by three per cent a year until 2018. A season pass would start at \$8.80 in 2013 and increase to \$9.68 in 2014 then increase three per cent annually to 2018.

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# Survivorman visits Haliburton County

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Les Stroud is best known for his television series *Survivorman*, but the TV star is also a musician.

On Feb. 16, Stroud and his band played a concert featuring a number of Stroud's self-penned tunes at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

His album *Wonderful Things* was recorded live off the floor at his off-the-grid property near Huntsville.

A documentary detailing the making of the album was also produced.

Not only can Stroud survive for days at a time in the wilderness, he can play a pretty mean blues harmonica, too.

*Survivorman*, which features Stroud living in various secluded environments for a week at a time with no supplies, airs throughout the globe and Stroud took some time to do a question and answer session during last weekend's concert.

He said he'd been in the area numerous times for his son's hockey games.

For more information on Stroud, his music and other projects, visit [www.lesstroud.ca](http://www.lesstroud.ca).



TV's *Survivorman* Les Stroud, also a musician, put on a concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Feb. 16.

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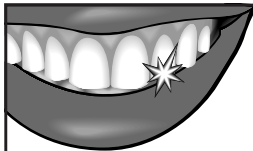
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# Storm heads into game four Friday up 2-1

Smolen Dentistry's Highland Storm Pee wee A team started their OMHA quarter final with three games over the Family Day weekend.

With this squad you never know what you are going to get; either a dynamic powerhouse, willing to take on anyone with assertive efficiency, or at times, a listless, tentative crew that has very little energy. And on this weekend, we were witness to both.

The weekend started with a Friday night tilt in Ennismore.

The teams had yet to play each other this season and the game started with both teams trading chances and searching for the other's weak spots.

Ennismore displayed their speed and size with some big hits that set the Storm on their heels early and Parker Smolen had to be sharp in net with several great saves.

As the first period ended, some sloppy play in our end resulted in Ennismore slipping in the first goal of the game. The second period played out much the same as the first.

Although neither team was able to score, the Storm slowly started to find their wheels and momentum shifted

in their favour by the end of the period. In the third, Jacob Haedicke's shot from the point found the back of the net but Ennismore quickly responded to keep the one goal lead.

With under four minutes left, though, Josh Boice broke free to wrist one in to tie the game and bring it to overtime. By then it was Ennismore who were back on their heels and in OT, Boice's shot from the side boards careened off several players in front to steal game one.

The second and third games were played in Minden and it was great to see so many supportive fans out to cheer them on.

Many were disappointed, though, by what they witnessed on Saturday.

On this day, the boys never found their footing and the game was over almost before it began. Ennismore came out with a vengeance scoring early and often. Five unanswered goals left the players and fans shaking their heads in dismay.

Owen Smith and Kyle Cooper finally gave us something to cheer for, but it was too little too late. Final score 6-2.

Best to forget it and move on because there wasn't enough time to wallow in defeat.

Sunday's game started much the same way, with Ennismore scoring on the very first shift but that was all the Storm were willing to let up.

From the next shift on, the Storm finally turned it around and started skating in the right direction. In the second period, Nik Dollo found Boice from behind the net to tie it.

A three-on-two several minutes later had Boice feeding Smitty for a nice shot from the face-off circle and the boys had the lead for the first time in the series.

Kyle Cooper extended the lead to two with a low shot that found the corner early in the third and Ennismore were the ones left shaking their heads in defeat at the end.

With a 2-1 lead in games the Storm can finish the series on Friday night in Ennismore.

If needed, game five will be in Wilberforce on Saturday at 2 p.m.

We know they can win it as long as the right team shows up!

*Submitted by Jon Petrie*

## Wildlife in your backyard

Have a great nature shot? Send it to [jenn.watt@sunmedia.ca](mailto:jenn.watt@sunmedia.ca). The bigger the file size the bigger we can print it.



Julia Robertson took this picture on Valentine's Day of a group of deer (between six and nine) that visit regularly. "The little one feeding was born in the forest behind our house last year. They did not want flowers or chocolate just corn and oats for Valentine's Day," she writes.

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# Sylvan launches book of poetry in Minden

## West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

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Congratulations to Claire Sylvan of the Irish Line on the publication of her book of poems called *Turning*. The book launch happened in Minden on Feb. 16 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and is available at Master's Book Store and at the Rails End Gallery. So proud of you, Claire!

The memorial gathering for Carl Sawyer happens on March 2 at the West Guilford Community Centre beginning at 2 p.m. that day. Family and friends of Carl may come early and stay late. Refreshments will be served.

Sad to report on another passing of a local resident Eric Thompson of North Shore Road who died on Feb. 13 in Peterborough hospital. Deepest sympathy is offered to Eric's wife Nellie and to their children Heather Coneybeare

of Haliburton and Jimmy of Whitehorse.

The Valentine's event initiated seven years ago by Ev Stata and managed so capably by her and Kathleen Owens was held as usual this year at Maple Lake United Church on Feb. 15.

Albert Carpenter ably MCed the program, which began with a singing of *Perhaps Love* with two viola solos, harmonica and ukulele. Hannah Klose sang *I Love All Graceful Things* and *River of Life* accompanied by Bill Gliddon. Bill also accompanied Margaret on viola, Wayne Cooper's solo *My, Didn't It Rain* and men's quintet of Rev. Max Ward, Alex Kocot, David Barker, Christopher Chumbley and Wayne Cooper. John Miller read a Robert Service poem and invited audience participation. John also sang *My Treasure*. All such fine singing.

Simply Befuddled strings performed several numbers of Appalachian origin with Beth Johns and Paul Irwin on violin, Wendy Loney on cello, Ken Loney and Norris Turner

on guitar, Kathleen Owens and Earl Cooper rounded out the program with keyboard and mandolin tunes. Naturally, delicious refreshments were served after amidst happy fellowship and visiting with talented artists.

Euchre scores on Feb. 12 were: high – Pearl Kernohan and Henk van Nood; low – Tina Hadley and Barry Butler; most lone hands – Peter Laplante and Cliff Davison.

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Allan Bagg was named Frost Fest Ambassador by past ambassador Linda Heeps, left, at the Haliburton Legion on Feb. 16 during the pancake breakfast. He was trumpeted into the room and given the official hat, sash and ... men's cologne.

## Notices



### COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** at its meeting to be held **Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-075/12  
Applicant: MARKET MOTION INC.  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 4 & 5, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Guilford  
Nature of the Application: Bell Canada Easement
- File No. H-076/12  
Applicant: 1604505 ONTARIO LIMITED  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 3, 4 & 5, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Guilford  
Nature of the Application: Bell Canada Easement
- File No. H-077/12  
Applicant: Sharyn SILVERSTEIN  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 5, Concession 11 & 12, Geographic Township of Guilford  
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- File No. H-005/13  
Applicant: Brian & Audrey HOLDEN  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 10, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dysart  
Nature of the Application: Right-Of-Way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013

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# Frost Fest fever

Photos by  
Jenn Watt



Abigail Mandryk smiles down at the adults below as she gets ready for her pony ride along York Street. The road was closed to allow kids to try out the ponies, brought in by South Algonquin Trails.



Karla Galaviz, front, of Mexico and Heather Gainforth raced around Head Lake Park on snowshoes. Galaviz has been studying at Queen's University in Kingston for five years, but said this is the first time she has had a "truly Canadian experience."



Toronto's Ruby Carter-Brackenbury tried out snowshoes at Camp Wanakita's station in Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Feb. 16. Ruby, 9, was visiting her grandparents and said she likes visiting Haliburton because there's more snow than in the city.



Kristi Beatty hands out maple toffee out of the Beatty's Sugar Bush booth at the mouth of Head Lake Park. The gorgeous sunny weather attracted many to Frost Fest this year.

**See more photos  
from Frost Fest at  
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# Reflecting on winter weather

## Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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Having the winter weather so in our face recently, one feels compelled to reflect on it.  
The hydro bill and the oil bills make one consider the cold temperatures quite seriously.  
A comment on the meteor hitting earth in Russia might get one off the weather. Or perhaps the resignation of the Pope might be worthy of a mention this week. The third of five federal Liberal leadership debates has warmed

the media a little even if not the weather. Even Flurry and Elphaba, the resident cats, though remaining their usual independent yet companionable selves, have not inspired a new theme for this week's column.  
They just have another catnap after a period of bird watching and ignore winter. Why can't they be like the Brown Dog Jiggs and help out a struggling writer?  
The fellows playing in the annual Fred Agnew Memorial Hockey Tournament seemed to be enjoying winter. That event was played at the arena in Wilberforce on Saturday, Feb. 16.  
And did you know the roller derby women practise their sport every Wednesday evening at the Lloyd Watson Cen-

tre? They just keep rolling along, getting lots of exercise indoors where it's warm.  
Finally the trails have enough of the white stuff to bring out the sledders in good numbers. What a joy to see lots of vehicles stopping at our gas station and crowding into the diner. Yeah!  
The pancake supper presented by St. George's Anglican Church at the Haliburton Legion on Shrove Tuesday was well attended and the food very tasty. Guess this is as close as we get to a Mardi Gras to celebrate before the 40 days of Lent.  
Yes, some do go out of town for a change in spite of, or because of, the weather.

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**To aid in compiling 'A History of South Lake':** we seek any information concerning the early days of school SS No. 11, Minden and Snowdon, commonly called Bat Lake School. The location of historical registers, records concerning the building of the school, old pictures or any historical data whatever would be appreciated. Contact George. E-mail is [granitecarver@gmail.com](mailto:granitecarver@gmail.com)

**Feb. 23:** Haliburton County Historical Society Meeting at 1:30p.m. Located at the Minden Cultural Centre – Common Room 174-176 Bobcayeon Rd. Minden  
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**Feb. 24:** Winterfest returns to Kinmount .Pre-Events include a Winter Old Fashioned Themed Decorating Contest, a Sleigh Ride Colouring Contest and NEW this year a Free Family Snowflake Ball, Sat. Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Organizers are thrilled to see the return of Sleigh Rides by Mash Hill Carriages and the Antique Snowmobile Club of Canada. Don't miss the popular Downhill Dash, back for its 3rd year. Contestants make & decorate a toboggan from cardboard & tape & bring to the sled hill to compete. Prizes awarded for best decorated & farthest distance in 3 age categories. All ages welcome! Pre-registration preferred but not mandatory. Registration forms, rules and colouring contest sheets available at [kinmount.ca](http://kinmount.ca) & local businesses.

**Feb. 25:** Mike Ford, a bilingual performer and former Moxy Fruvous band member, will be performing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in both French and English. Tickets are \$8 for adults or \$10 for a family and can be purchased at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton or Pharmasave in Minden. Tickets are also available by emailing [CPFtickets@gmail.com](mailto:CPFtickets@gmail.com) or calling 705-489-4980.

**Feb. 26: Glass Dresses Exhibition:** continued through March 30 located at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. This exhibition involved life-size glass spun dresses which express the idea of changing how you feel is as simple as changing your clothes. Dressing up brings us out of our day-to-day. Lyons uses glass to reflect a multitude of styles and emotions clothing can project and create. Glass artist Tanya Lyons is from Montreal. For more information call 705-286-3763

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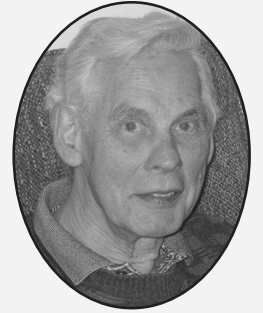
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2			3	4	9			8
	3	1		6				
	7	2	5	1	8			
4							6	
5	9		1	3		8		4
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9	6	2	7	1	8	5	4	3
3	1	8	4	6	5	2	9	7
5	4	7	2	9	3	6	8	1
8	9	6	5	7	2	3	1	4
2	7	3	1	4	6	9	8	5
4	5	1	8	3	9	7	2	6

ANSWER:

Last week's answer:

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Afraid feeling  
5. Cause to be embarrassed  
10. A group of hunting animals  
14. At some prior time  
15. Papier-\_\_\_\_, art material  
16. Disney's "\_\_\_\_ and Stitch"  
17. College army  
18. Essential oil from flowers  
19. Solo vocal piece  
20. "Bodyguard's" female star  
23. Liz's 3rd husband Mike  
24. A weapons emplacement  
25. Vast desert in N Africa  
28. Fasten by sewing  
32. Organic compound  
33. Cooper's Hawk (abbr.)  
34. Immerse in a liquid  
35. A beatnik's abode  
36. Utter sounds
38. Used esp. of dry vegetation  
39. Live in  
42. Metric linear units  
44. Indian frock  
46. Stand for a coffin  
47. The Great Emancipator  
53. Brown coat mixed with gray or white  
54. Lightly fry  
55. New Yorker film critic Pauline  
57. European sea eagle  
58. Lasiocampidae  
59. Another name for Irish Gaelic  
60. Droops  
61. Clairvoyants  
62. Phonograph record

### CLUES DOWN

1. On behalf of  
2. Enough (archaic)  
3. Adrenocorticotropin  
4. Public recitation  
5. "Gunsmoke" actress Blake  
6. Waited with \_\_\_\_ breath  
7. \_\_\_\_-Breaky Heart  
8. Sacco and Vanzetti artist Ben  
9. Those who inspire others  
10. Capable of being shaped  
11. Cardinal compass point (Scot.)  
12. TV advertising award  
13. Zen Buddhist riddle  
21. Hill (Celtic)  
22. Universal standard time  
25. Passover feast and ceremony  
26. Zanzibar copal
27. NE Arizona pueblo people  
29. Pith helmet  
30. Small trout-like fish  
31. Greek hell  
37. Herbal teas  
38. Struck a golf ball  
40. Dash  
41. Removes writing  
42. Coal laborers  
43. Old world, new  
45. Mental representation  
46. Someone who bites  
47. Greek god of war  
48. Albanian word for snow  
49. Resounded  
50. Solo racing sled  
51. Gull suborder  
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56. Albanian monetary unit

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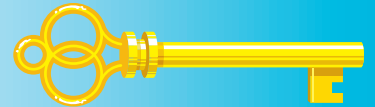
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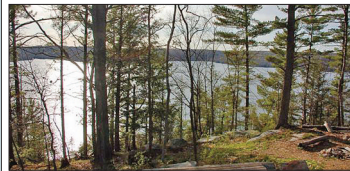
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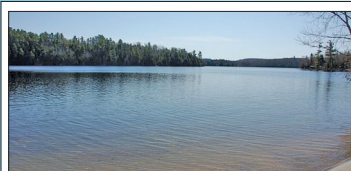
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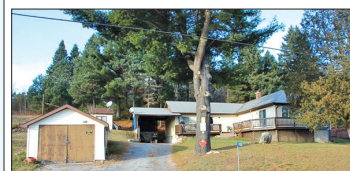
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## REAL ESTATE UPDATE PRIVATE ZONING

**QUESTION:** I am familiar with local municipal zoning laws. Is it true that there can also be other types of "zoning?"

**ANSWER:** Often, real estate developers write a document containing conditions called restrictive covenants. These restrictive covenants impose limitations on the use of all the property within the development, such as house size or fence limitations.

Generally, restrictive covenants are designed to benefit property owners, however, there may be a restrictive covenant preventing you from using the property as you would like. Check it out carefully.

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